

of allowing it to do that,” said Glenn A. Earles, TOFCO’s general manager. “That will allow us, even while the new project is going on, to be able to expand our capacity and the services we offer on the brownfield side.”

The employee headcount has been quite low for several years, Earles said, but TOFCO recently started work building its first new platform in nearly five years, and looks forward to completing the project in 2016. With the advantages it brings to the marketplace and its expansion into new service areas, the company is confident that it can continue to be a market leader in the Caribbean as the platform construction market returns.

“West Africa is a possibility in exporting technology in the future, but not presently,” Earles said. “We are performing well domestically, so why not expand internationally? It does have to be the right opportunity at the right time.

TOFCO does fabrication, welding, rigging and performs heavy lifts in house, along with blasting and painting and scaffolding. The initial concept for the company was to deal with the fabrication of offshore platforms and it has successfully completed eight decks and six jackets for major oil and gas companies, including five for BP Trinidad and Tobago (Cannonball, Cashima, Mango, Savonette, Serrette), two for EOG Resources Trinidad Limited (Toucan, Oilbird) and one for BG Trinidad and Tobago (Poinsettia).

TOFCO is the only contractor based in Trinidad capable of building large offshore platforms, so it has become a go-to source for related services for the Trinidad petroleum industry.

The Trinidadian government encourages the use of locally based contractors working on Trinidadian projects, which makes TOFCO a valued partner. Prior to the company’s existence, platforms had to be constructed in the United States and then shipped to Trinidad on

